

The non-coverage of Garrison's un-speech

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...with not one news-
...country carrying the
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...the weekly—
...Los Angeles area
...the speech.

...news service—a small local
...the L.A. area—
...had covered the speech.

...had been sent by
...station KHJ to AP,
...the Times and the Herald-
...Examiner. No one showed.

...Two days after the speech, a
...small daily, the Westside Citizen-
...News, picked up the city news
...service story and ran it. The next
...day, the Free Press, after an all-
...night hassle with space, printed
...the full speech plus the questions
...and answers following it. No other
...newspaper in the country got the
...story. The blackout was almost
...complete.

...Five L.A. radio and TV sta-
...tions reported the speech a day

to a week later. But most Angelenos didn't know Garrison was in town, much less that he had spoken, until, on the day he left—some days after the speech—the Times, under heavy pressure, carried a Section II, page 3 story announcing that Garrison was in town working on his case. Tacked to the end of the story was a short, misleading statement from the speaker.

The L.A. UPI Bureau, its hand forced by this breach of silence, finally ran a brief story on Garrison's presence in L.A. It was limited to Southern California, and Garrison was gone.

The big four in L.A. had almost succeeded in keeping Garrison's speech from the rest of the country. But there was one leak. A radio newsman and former UPI man, suspecting that the story would die in L.A., had telephoned a friend in New York's UPI bureau the day after the speech and had given him a full rundown. His friend called back later to report that the story had been killed; it was, he said, "too damn hot."

Thus did Garrison's speech become an un-speech in the best 1964 tradition.